

## Message Text

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R 271327Z MAY 78  
FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2166  
INFO TUTABA/AMEMBASSY ADDIS ABABA 662  
AMCONSUL DHAHRAN  
AMEMBASSY DJIBOUTI  
AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM  
AMEMBASSY MOGADISCIO  
AMEMBASSY NAIROBI  
AMEMBASSY LONDON  
AMEMBASSY SANA  
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

S E C R E T JIDDA 3919

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: MASS, SA, SO  
SUBJECT: ARMS FOR SOMALIA

REF: SANA 2387 (NOTAL)

1. DURING VISIT TO SAUDI ARABIA, DCM AMEMBASSY SANA WAS TOLD MAY 18 BY MAAZEN PHARAON THAT QUOTE IN LAST FOUR OR FIVE DAYS UNQUOTE SAG HAD AGREED TO AID PACKAGE OF FIVE BILLION DOLLARS FOR SOMALIA. HE CLAIMED TO BE SURPRISED AT SIZE OF AGREEMENT, SAYING THAT HE HAD EXPECTED IT TO BE NO MORE THAN SIX HUNDRED MILLION DOLLARS. HE SAID THAT TWO OF THE FIVE BILLION DOLLARS WOULD BE FOR ARMS AND THAT HE HAD BEEN ASKED BY SIAD BARRE TO ORCHESTRATE THE PURCHASE FROM THE WEST. PURCHASE WILL INCLUDE EVERYTHING, IE TANKS, MISSILES, AIRCRAFT, AND BOATS. PHARAON

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WAS AWARE OF U.S. PLANS TO PROVIDE 15 MILLION DOLLARS ARMS PACKAGE BUT SHRUGGED IT OFF AS INCONSEQUENTIAL. REST OF THE FIVE BILLION WILL BE DEVOTED TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND PLAYED OUT OVER A CONSIDERABLE PERIOD OF TIME.

2. COMMENT: MAAZEN PHARAON HAS TRAVELED ON A NUMBER OF OCCASIONS TO SOMALIA FOR KAMAL ADHAM'S OFFICE AND IS IN

POSITION TO KNOW WHAT HE IS TALKING ABOUT. NEVERTHELESS  
WE FIND FIVE BILLION FIGURE TO BE HARD TO BELIEVE AND  
WONDER IF PERHAPS PHARAON MISUNDERSTOOD OR WAS MISINFORMED.  
WILEY

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